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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT KAUNDA ON PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

REF: LUSAKA 958

1. SINCE PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S MAY 27 PUBLIC STATEMENT THAT PRIVATE ENTERPRISE HAS NO PLACE IN ZAMBIA THERE HAS BEEN MUCH PRESS AND PRIVATE SPECULATION AS TO HIS REAL MEANING, ESPECIALLY WHETHER FOREIGN INVESTORS COULD EXPECT FURTHER NATIONALIZATION. EMBASSY HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY PHONE, LETTER, OR VISIT OF LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES OF SEVERAL AMERICAN FIRMS EXPRESSING ANXIETY IF NOT ALARM ABOUT PROSPECTS.

2. SINCE RETURNING, AMBASSADOR HAS DISCUSSED QUESTION WITH CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER MULEMBA, FOREIGN MINISTER BANDA AND MINISTER OF STATE SILWIZYA OF FOREIGN MINISTRY. ALL INSIST THERE IS NO CAUSE FOR ALARM AND URGE PATIENCE UNTIL PRESIDENT PROVIDES EXPECTED CLARIFICATION.

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3. SILWIZYA SAID OFFICIALDOM ALSO TAKEN BY SURPRISE AND

GOVERNMENT ITSELF BOMBARDED WITH QUERIES. KAUNDA'S
COUNSELORS HAVE SINCE ADVISED HIM THAT PUBLIC
CLARIFICATION IS NECESSARY AND THIS IS EXPECTED AT
NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 30.

4. SILWIZYA ADVISED ZAMBIAN ECONOMIC POLICY WILL STILL
BE GUIDED BY PRINCIPLES OF KAUNDA'S HUMANISM II WHICH
DOES NOT EXCLUDE PRIVATE ENTERPRISE, EITHER
INDEPENDENTLY OR IN JOINT PARTNERSHIP WITH GOVERNMENT.

5. FOREGOING PROVIDED AS INTERIM GUIDANCE SHOULD
PRINCIPALS OF AMERICAN FIRMS OR BANKS REPRESENTED IN
ZAMBIA QUERY DEPARTMENT, COMMERCE, OR OTHER UNITED
STATES AGENCIES CONCERNED WITH PROMOTING TRADE WITH
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